

Docket No.: T14-0095
Bench Date: 6/24/2015
Deadline: N/A

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Commission

FROM: Timothy E. Duggan, Administrative Law Judge

DATE: May 28, 2015

SUBJECT: City of Springfield, Petitioner,
v.
Illinois Central Railroad Company, Respondent.

Petition for an Order authorizing new at-grade crossing of Stanford Avenue at the existing Illinois Central Railroad Company tracks in the City of Springfield and directing installation of crossing protection and to apportion costs.

RECOMMENDATION: Enter Order approving the new at-grade crossing.

On August 15, 2014, the City of Springfield filed a Petition seeking authority to construct a new at-grade crossing. An Amended Petition was filed on November 12, 2014. Hearings were held on November 19, 2014 and January 28, 2015. The record was left open for late filed exhibits and marked Heard and Taken on May 28, 2015.

An IC track runs north-northeast in an area east of Fox Bridge Road. Stanford Avenue is an east-west road terminating at Fox Bridge Road. The City proposes to extend Stanford Avenue east across the IC track to complete an arterial road across the south side of Springfield. The City will pay all costs of the project.

Average daily traffic at Fox Bridge Road and Stanford Avenue is 1,500, and projected to be 7,300. Four trains operate on the tracks per day, and it is projected that eight trains per day will operate on the track in 20 years. Present and projected train speed is 10 miles per hour.

The new crossing will be a 33 foot wide asphalt road with a concrete crossing surface. A bicycle path will be on the north and a sidewalk on the south. IC will install the crossing and flashing light signals and gates. The City will do all the other work. Testimony was presented to establish the prerequisite criteria to open a new at-grade crossing.

IC does not object to the project subject to an agreement made with the City for the City to cooperate to allow IC to work on a nearby structure. Staff does not object. A Proposed Order was waived by all.

I recommend entry of the attached Order authorizing the project.